

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LASHAREE DEVONA WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00229-SAB

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO
PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* AND
DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE
SUMMONS

(ECF No. 4)

Lasharee Devona Williams (“Plaintiff”) filed a complaint on February 22, 2021, along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The Court found that Plaintiff’s application was inadequately completed and ordered Plaintiff to file a long form application to proceed without prepayment of fees. Plaintiff filed a long form application on March 15, 2021. Plaintiff’s application demonstrates entitlement to proceed without prepayment of fees.¹

On April 14, 2020, General Order Number 615 issued staying all Social Security actions filed after February 1, 2020 until the Commissioner may begin normal operations at the Office of Appellate Hearings Operations and may resume preparation of a certified copy of the

¹ The petition to proceed *in forma pauperis* was entered on the docket as a motion to amend the social security complaint as well as a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. However, the document is solely a request to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Counsel is advised to use care when entering items on the docket and to select the item that reflects the document entered.

1 administrative record. The Court shall order that the complaint in this action be served and the
2 matter will be stayed once service has been effected on the defendant. Plaintiff is hereby
3 directed to paragraph 1 of the scheduling order to be issued in this action, which directs that the
4 summons and complaint shall be served **within 20 days of the filing of the complaint.** Plaintiff
5 shall promptly file proof of service with the Court upon completion of service.

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 7 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED;
- 8 2. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to issue a summons; and
- 9 3. The United States Marshal is DIRECTED to serve a copy of the complaint,
10 summons, and this order upon the defendant if requested by the plaintiff.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: **March 16, 2021**

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15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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